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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 22, 2006, applicant respectfully requests the following amendments be entered in the above-identified application to place the application in condition for allowance or appeal. Applicant's response is due on or before February 22, 2007.

Please cancel claims 31, 39, and amend claims 1, 45, 49 and 73 as is reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer over co-pending U.S. Serial No. 09/853,731 (Case Docket No. 20619 US).